MR. K. M. PAUL (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know from the Chief Engineer the total length of this road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is about four miles.

MR. K. M. PAUL: What is the estimated cost of the construction?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Somewhere about rupees 11,000.

Palamkadavu-Vettikattu Junction road.

316. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the following regarding the Palamkadavu-Vettikattu Junction road:—

(*a*) its length;
(*b*) cost of maintenance per mile;
(*c*) its width;
(*d*) the maximum width;
(*e*) the minimum width;
(*f*) whether the road is included in the list of roads recommended by the P. W. D. Advisory Committee in 1119;
(*g*) when the estimate for the repairs of this road was called for: and
(*h*) the stage at which action regarding this road is at present?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:
(*a*) 1 mile and 3 furlongs.
(*b*) Rs. 20 per mile.
(*c*) 12 feet.
(*d*) 20 feet.
(*e*) 3 feet.
(*f*) Yes.
(*g*) 3-11-1943.
(*h*) The estimate is under preparation.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: ഈ ഒരു മൈൽ റോഡിനു എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടതു ശരിതന്നെയാണോ. ഇപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും ഈ എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് ആഫീസിൽ കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ എന്നു പറയാമോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes Sir, An estimate has been received.

Colachel-Nagercoil road.

317. *MR. D. THOMAS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the Colachel-Nagercoil road *via* Rajakkamangalam was last metalled;
(*b*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that this road is in a very bad state and not quite fit for motor traffic;

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(*c*) whether there was any budget provision in 1120 for widening and recoating the Colachel-Rajakkamangalam road in 11 to 15 miles; and

(*d*) whether this work has been taken up and completed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(*a*) In 1936.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

Arumana-Panachamood trace.

318. * **MR. D. THOMAS:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a budget provision in 1120 for converting Arumana-Panachamood trace 4 to 6 miles into a cart road;

(*b*) if so, whether the work has been executed; and

(*c*) if not, why?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) As sanction has to be obtained for a revised estimate.

MR. D. THOMAS: May I know from the honourable member how long it is since sanction was sought for the revised estimate?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The estimate is very old. It is being revised just now. It was only recently brought up again and is being revised.

Kappil and Akathumuri Railway Stations.

319. * **MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN** (*Neyyatiinkara cum Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for abolishing the Kappil and Akathumuri Railway Stations?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): These stations were closed down temporarily at the instance of the Railway Board of the Government of India with a view to relieving the situation arising out of the scarcity of coal.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the Railway Board wanted these particular railway stations or whether they wanted any of the stations to be closed?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: These two particular stations also. It is the general programme of the Railway Company.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether an order has been passed for the demolition of the station buildings?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: Government have addressed the Railway Company to retain them.

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